by rabid dogs were given antirabic inoculation.' Is not inoculation treatment?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I do not understand what the Member wants.

President.—The Member Is asking 'is inoculation a treatment or not?'

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—If the Hon'ble Member would kindly read the words before the word 'inoculation' in the answer, then he will understand.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—'268 persons, bitten by suspected rabid dogs, were given antirabic inoculation'. So is it not treatment?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The meaning is there. It is antirabic inoculation.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Antirabic inoculation, is that not a treatment?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—That is a preventive measure. It is a preventive treatment *against* hydrophobia and not *for* hydrophobia.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—One is *against* and one is *for*; that is the difference.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Treatment for hydrophobia, what does it mean?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Treatment for hydrophobia would mean, a treatment after hydrophobia has developed—a treatment to cure that. Treatment after getting fever and treatment against taking fever. Antirabic inoculation is preventive inoculation, and it is also preventive inoculation against possibility of getting hydrophobia.

President.—The question of the Hon'ble Member is whether this curative treatment as well as this inoculation treatment cannot be properly called treatment.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Not treatment for hydrophobia. No.

Plague in Mattancheri.

5. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether Mattancheri was declared a plague area; if so, on what basis and whether the same opinion still holds good;

(b) are the Government aware that a meeting of the leading citizens including Doctors in British Cochin was held in which the State Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer was also present to discuss about the infection of plague, etc.; if so whether the British Doctors protested that there was no plague; was the

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Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer questioned about this in the meeting and, if so, what reply he gave;

(c) has there been any complaint written or oral about the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer's undue exercise of his powers in connection with plague duty;

(d) the total number of rat-falls and man-falls on account of plague till now in Mattancheri;

(e) the total number of attacks, the number that were inoculated and the number that died after inoculation?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Yes, on examination of the splean smears of some of the dead rats picked up from the Mattancheri Bazaar, characteristic plague bacilli were detected. This opinion still holds good.

(b) The Municipal Chairman organised a meeting in the Guzeratti School in which the nature of plague infection and measures to be adopted for preventing the spread of the disease were explained by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer. No British Doctor was present at the meeting. No answer is necessary to the latter part of the question.

(c) No.

(d) Number of rat-falls till 2nd September 1928 is 484. The significance of the term "man-falls" is not clear.

(e) Number of attacks till 2nd September 1928, 11. Number of persons inoculated till 2nd September 1928 is 2,032. Number that died after inoculation—one suspicious case.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The answer to part (d) of my question is, 'number of rat-falls till 2nd September 1928 is 484'. The significance of the term "man-falls" is not clear. May I know the significance of the term 'rat-falls'?

President.—'Rat-fall' is a common term. But 'man-fall' does not appear in the dictionary at all. 'Rat-fall' is very common.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—For the matter of that, 'rat-fall' also may not be seen in the dictionary, Sir.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—'Man-fall' is a very uncommon term.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Answer to (c) is 'no'. Has there been any complaint, oral complaint, or did the people show any hostile demonstration when the Chief Medical Officer and the Chairman went there?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I do not understand the Hon'ble Member.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The answer is 'there is no oral or written complaint'. If there was any hostility shown towards the Chief Medical Officer, that is more or less

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a complaint. So I ask whether there was any hostile demonstration.

President.—Was there any hostile demonstration by the people of Mattancheri?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I do not know what is meant by the term 'hostile demonstration.'

President.—Hostile demonstration means that the people do not want this inoculation, that there was no plague, and that you had better go to your place and all that.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—No one said that. But some people said that there was no plague at Mattancheri, and that they did not want any inoculation. That is all what they said. It is only the ignorant people that gave expression to such views. I do not know of any complaint from anybody.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was any demonstration made?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—There was no complaint, nothing of that sort. I was there right through.

President.—The question is, "Was there any demonstration or no demonstration?"

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I do not know what is meant by demonstration.

President.—People collecting in large numbers and giving expression to their feelings and complaining about the conduct of the officers, all these things come under 'demonstration'.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—They tried to create some confusion, and thus prevent the holding of a meeting when I was going on with the meeting. That is all that I know of. There is no complaint, no hostility or anything against us except of course creating some confusion in the meeting organised by us.

6. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state;—

(a) whether a Baniya boy died at Mattancheri after inoculation;

(b) (1) whether his father after the death of his son crossed to Ernakulam and settled there and (2) whether he was declared by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer to be attacked by plague;

(c) whether he was subsequently declared to be not attacked by plague; if so, the reason for the decisions in each case;

(d) whether British Cochin is declared a plague area?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) No. A Baniya boy died of plague. The boy was not inoculated.

(b) (1) Yes.

(2) No.

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